

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 8, 2023

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen present. Chairperson Sauer presiding.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sauer at 9:01 A.M. on the proposed amendments to the Title III of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances to add a definition for “Local Meat Locker and/or Butcher Shop” to Article I, Section 3 and to add Section 3.32 Local Meat Lockers and Butcher Shops as a special permitted use to Chapter II, Article III A-1 Agricultural District, Section 3 with accompanying requirements.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas summarizing the proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances allowing for Local Meat Locker and/or Butcher Shops. Eric stated the Zoning Commission met on March 10, 2023 to discuss these recommendations. The following month the Commission approved recommendations to the Board of Supervisors with the suggestion of Special Permitted use in the A1 district areas to avoid conflict with neighboring areas. Furnas stated the recommendation includes to at least have 1250 feet separation distance from other properties with a minimum of 750 feet. Furnas along with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky, recommended the shops have a frontage road or entrance on a hard-paved surface road due to the heavy traffic that will impact our roads.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the public hearing was closed at 9:24 A.M. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the first reading of three was approved with adding the language back in regarding the Local Meat Locker and/or Butcher Shops being located where they have a frontage road or entrance on a hard surface road. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a new 5-day application for a Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service Permit for Backpocket Brewing LLC, 1788 Hwy 22, Nichols, Iowa. Ayes: All

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence.

All Supervisors attended the Levy Stakeholders meeting at Merrill on May 4, 2023.

All Supervisors received an email from Duane Rees with concerns regarding Brockway Cemetery in Orono Township.

Sorensen received six voicemails from residents regarding uncontrolled intersections.

Mather received many texts, voicemails and emails from residents regarding uncontrolled intersections.

Sauer received seven calls from residents regarding uncontrolled intersections.

Chick received six calls from residents regarding uncontrolled intersections.
Kirchner received eight calls from residents regarding uncontrolled intersections.
Kirchner received a call from regarding a zoning issue and shared the information with
Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick attended an electronic Mississippi Valley Workforce Development bi-weekly
meeting on May 5, 2023.

Chick attended the groundbreaking for Muscatine Power and Water at Geneva for the
new services they will be providing on May 3, 2023.

Discussion was held regarding uncontrolled intersections in Muscatine County. Sauer made a
statement reviewing a 2005 Iowa State University Study regarding uncontrolled intersections
that showed there was no statistical difference in the safety performance of ultra-low volume use
on stop sign controlled and uncontrolled intersections. Sorensen stated he wants to make sure we
use a process to implement change to stay consistent. Chicks major concern is the 14 four-way
uncontrolled stops and would like to implement stop signs at these intersections. Kirchner stated
he is concerned about liability with not doing all intersections. Mather stated we need to make
decisions not using emotion to have a clear articulate policy in place. Chick made a motion to
place stop signs at all uncontrolled intersections in Muscatine County. The motion failed due to
lack of a second. Board direction was for Chick to write a new detailed motion for consideration
at next week's meeting.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved the FY23/24 Salary Schedule
(3.25% adjustment to scale) and authorized one-time payments to employees at the maximum
step for their grade (0.75%). Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors